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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
05ANKARA5953	2005-10-04 09:03	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Ankara

Appears in these articles:

<http://www.kamikazeonline.ro/2011/04/marea-neagra-pentru-sua-lac-turcesc-pentru-basescu-lac-rusesc/>

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SUBJECT: WHAT IS BEHIND TURKEY'S BLACK SEA POLICY?

REF: A. BUCHAREST 1778 B. BUCHAREST 1991

[1](#)C. ANKARA 2060 D. ANKARA 3581

Classified By: Counselor for Political-Military Affairs Timothy A. Bett s for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

[1](#)1. (C) Summary: Turkey makes a strong distinction between Black Sea maritime security and broader security challenges in the larger region (su

[1](#)2. (C) We note with interest recent reporting from Embassy Bucharest on the GOR's concern that Turkey and Russia are pursuing a "closed sea" p

[1](#)3. (C) When the Turks explain this distinction, they cite Russian sensitivities as their chief concern. MFA officials have told us that NATO i

[1](#)4. (C) The Turks' sharp differentiation between maritime and broader security concerns in the region is somewhat odd. While we defer to Embass

[1](#)5. (C) Another likely explanation is pride of place. Turkish officials and military officers tell us repeatedly that for 50 years of Cold War,

[1](#)6. (C) Some will posit a warmer Russia-Turkey relationship as a possible motivation for the GOT's go-slow policy on NATO involvement in Black

[1](#)7. (C) We understand the Romanians are proposing to hold a "Black Sea Forum of Dialogue and Partnership," and are seeking U.S. assistance to p

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